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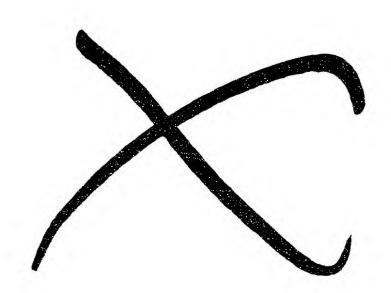
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THE SOVIET POSITION

The USSR now seems to be bardening up a general position based on the following premises:

- 1. The IL-28s are not part of the bargain.
- 2. Any inspection in Cuba will be tied to "U Thant's plan" for a UN presence in the Caribbean-including the US, Cuba and other Latin American states--which will monitor the US commitment. (We have no clear understanding of this plan.)
- 3. The US will have to be satisfied with the present "alongside procedures" for verifying missile evacuation.
- 4. Now that all missiles have been evacuated or "are about to leave," the next step is to eliminate the quarantine and to negotiate the US guarantee.

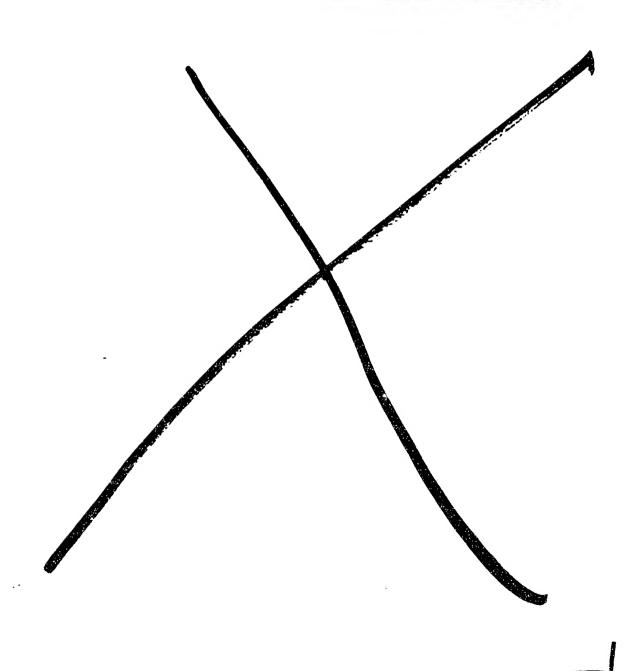




CUBAN INTERNAL SITUATION

The official silence on the Mikoyan-Castro talks continues.

The Havana correspondent of the French AFP news agency reported on 8 November that according to "a government source," after four formal meetings negotiations have come to a "complete standstill."





Micaraguan President Somoza probably expressed the views of most Caribbean and Central American governments in his press conference of 8 November by saying that he believed Castro would continue his efforts to undermine his government to the point that collective military intervention in Cuba might still prove necessary, with or without US participation.

